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**U.S. House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

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Chairman David Obey  
House Appropriations Committee  
H-218, the Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Ranking Member Jerry Lewis  
House Appropriations Committee  
1016 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Obey & Ranking Member Lewis:

I am requesting \$1,000,000.00 for the Black Creek Trail System, Gadsden, AL in fiscal year 2010. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Gadsden, located at 90 Broad Street, P.O. Box 267, Gadsden, AL 35902-0267. The funding would be used to develop five miles of trails along Black Creek, improving connectivity between three of Gadsden's major communities: Noccalula Falls (Lookout Mountain), Historic Alabama City (West Gadsden) and the Riverfront (South Gadsden). Taxpayer Justification: Provides a safe and efficient trail system for recreational and other cyclists.

I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any direct financial interest in this project.

Also, I hereby certify that this request will be made publicly available on my Official Website as required by Chairman Obey's new Committee policy that only posted requests will be considered.

Consistent with the Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge this request (1) is not directed to an entity or program that will be named after a sitting Member of Congress; (2) is not intended to be used by an entity to secure funds for other entities unless the use of funding is consistent with the specified purpose of the earmark; and (3) meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable. I further certify that should this request be included in the bill, I will place a statement in the Congressional Record describing how the funds will be spent and justifying the use of federal taxpayer funds.

Sincerely,

Robert B. Aderholt